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## **Violator faces additional prison time for assaulting a Deputy U.S. Marshal**

**Richard Paiva, Jr.**, 39, of Providence, pled guilty today to assaulting a federal officer, admitting that he attacked a Deputy U.S. Marshal who was attempting to arrest Paiva last August for violating the terms of a court-supervised release.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the guilty plea, which Paiva entered today before U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith in U.S. District Court, Providence.

Paiva faces a maximum term of eight years in federal prison for the assault. He is currently serving an 18-month sentence for violating the terms of his release by, among other things, making calls in which he threatened to kill his former girlfriend.

At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephanie S. Browne said that the government could prove that, on August 16, a team of deputy marshals went to a house on Riviera Drive in Narragansett with a warrant for Paiva's arrest. Deputy Robert Charette found Paiva in the basement and ordered him to show his hands and surrender. Instead, Paiva lunged at Deputy Charette and pinned him to the wall and floor of the basement. Three other deputy marshals helped subdue and handcuff Paiva.

Four days earlier, the U.S. Probation Office had obtained a warrant for Paiva's arrest after Paiva had threatened to kill his former girlfriend. At the time, Paiva was

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under court-supervised release following a federal prison term imposed in 1997 for cocaine trafficking.

Sentencing for the assault is scheduled for August 18.

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